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# Hydrangea Arborescens Sterilis.

“HILLS OF SNOW.”

This superb new Hydrangea is a variety of the hardy native species *H. arborescens*, commonly found “wild” in most of the states east of the Mississippi river. The *sterilis* is likewise absolutely hardy and is, moreover, of easy culture and is an exceedingly prolific bloomer. A five year old plant has produced one hundred and twenty-six perfect blooms at one time.

The size of the flower is one of the striking features of this shrub. The large flower shown on the first page of this circular measured nine by twelve inches. Twelve inch blooms are frequent on young plants, while the *average* size on matured plants is usually six inches or more.

The color of the flower is a pure snowlike white, without the creamy and later pink tints that are characteristic of the *H. paniculata grandiflora*. The length of time this whiteness is retained depends somewhat on local conditions, but usually from four to five weeks, when the flowers begin to change slowly and gradually to a light green color, and by October the foliage and flowers are of a similar shade. The flower clusters remain intact long after the leaves have fallen, and frequently throughout the following winter.

This Hydrangea gives every promise of becoming even more popular than the well-known *H. paniculata grandiflora*, as it lacks the coarseness and stiffness of that variety; it is refined in tone and effect, and with its abundant and handsome foliage it lends itself readily to landscape effects. It is a comely, handsome shrub at all times. It reaches a height of five to six feet, and when in full bloom is one of the most striking as well as the most beautiful shrubs of its season, suggesting the descriptive synonym referred to in Bailey's “Cyclopedia of American Horticulture,” viz.: “Hills of Snow.”

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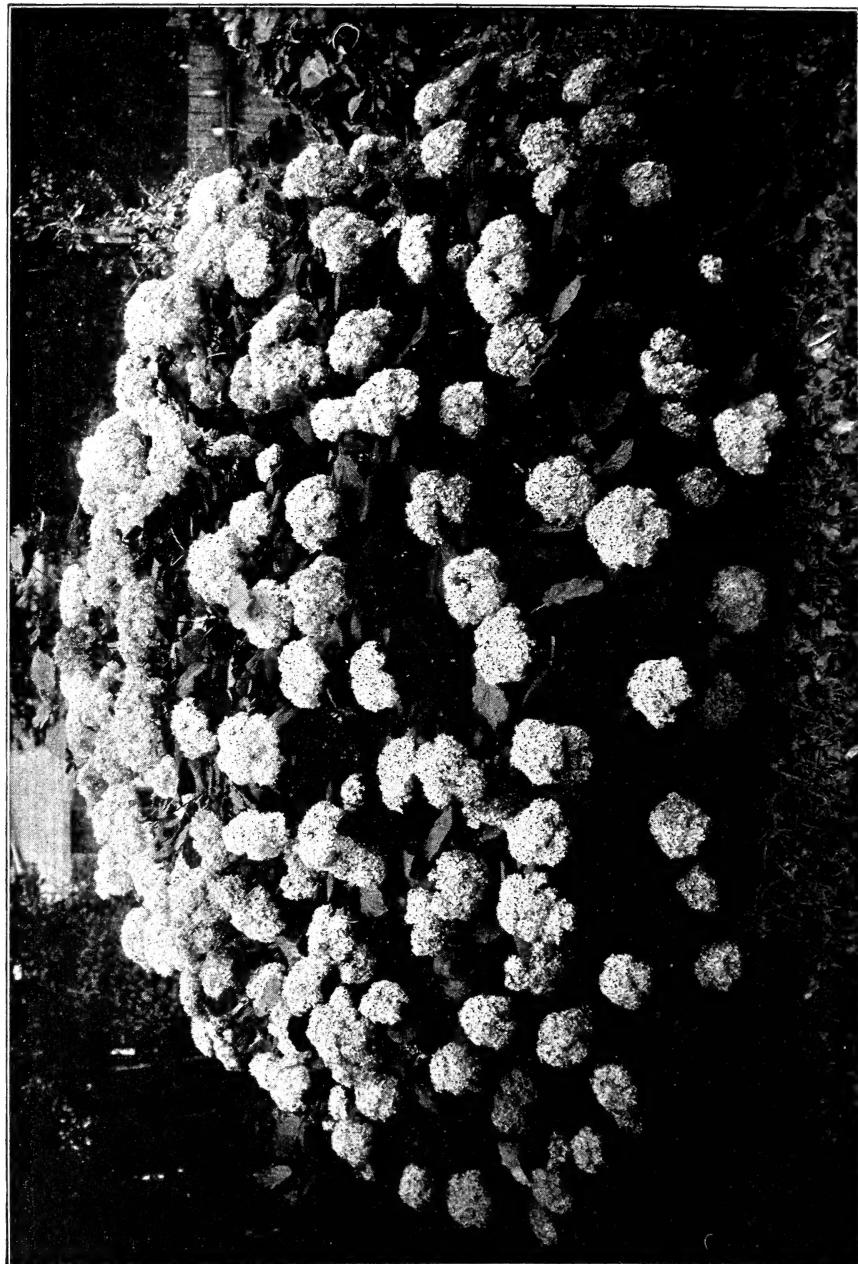
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